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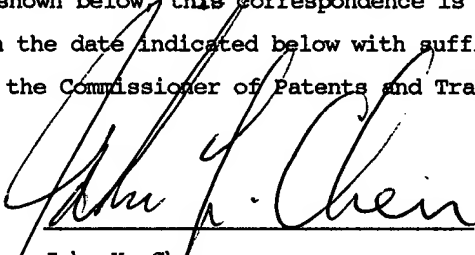
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Hard copies of patent documents M - T were received from a patent copy service on or about 1/4/2000.

Documents U and V are cumulative in copending USSN 08/719,817. Document W-ZD were cited in the Specifications of all the copending applications including 09/412886 and are considered cumulative. Document M describe and claims amorphous gels, (1) describes Kuraray SEPTON 4055 at col. 22 line 58, (2) describes additives/detackifiers at col. 24, line 40, (3) describes antioxidants reduces tack at col. 26, line 53, (4) describes tack modifiers at col. 27, line 38, (5) describes microspheres at col 28, line 33, (6) describes resins at col 30, line 46, and, (7) describes foaming at col 34, line 24. Document M appears to have a priority date of July 1, 1996 which is after Applicant's application effective filing dates which extends to of Applicant's parent applications USSN: 08/719,817; 08/211,781; 08/612,586; 08/863,794 and parent patent Nos. 5962572, 5938499, 5884639, 5633286, etc.

Cumulative documents CA-DW and DX-FL, G-J, FM-FY are in parent case USSN 08/719,817.

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